

Fuel Mix Disclosure, Data Sources, Timeline, Updates

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FUEL MIX DISCLOSURE PROGRAM

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What is Fuel Mix Disclosure

- RCW 19.29A
- Requires utilities to report power purchases used to serve retail load
- Directs Commerce to estimate the fuel mix for each utility
- Commerce produces aggregate information in a state-level report and provides utility-level fuel mix reports
- Fuel Mix Categories
- Electric power consumption described by generation fuel category:
 - > Specified power: Traced to specific power plants and specific fuel sources,
 - > Unspecified power: Not traceable to a specific power plant



- BPA claims on generating resources, and 100% BPA utility load data,
- PNGC utility reports
- Energy Information Administration 860 form, plant data
- EIA form 923 preliminary generation and fuel data
- eGrid data, more plant data
- Commerce non-EIA plants (smaller, distributed power generation)
- Utility load data submitted via the Commerce data portal by non-100% BPA utilities



- BPA resource & 100% BPA utility load data: early to mid June.
- OR and WA receive PNGC reports: June/July
- EIA 860 form: June
- EIA form 923 early release: mid June
- eGrid data: June/July, less critical data
- Data portal, non-100% BPA utilities, variable
- Preliminary FM analysis early August, final review and product by early September



- Change in 2019 to reporting unspecified power allows for an earlier start date
- Start date limited by BPA, PNGC and EIA 860 & 923 data availability, roughly early June
- Commerce data portal (non-100% BPA utilities) could be opened in early June and remain open for 4 weeks
- Follow-up with late reporting utilities, review reports correct errors, requires about 4 weeks
- Preliminary FM reports could be sent in early August, final review and utility reports sent by early September

2019 Update: Unspecified Power and RECs

- Fuel Mix Disclosure reports the attributes of the electric energy delivered to customers
 - Not the attributes of energy produced by the utility
 - Energy without traceable generation attributes is unspecified power
 - > 2019 Fuel Mix utility reports contain an unspecified category
- Renewable energy certificates are necessary to claim a renewable resource
 - Energy + REC = Renewable Energy
 - Energy without a REC is not renewable energy, becomes unspecified power
 - > REC policy evolved in 2019: Unspecified energy + REC = Renewable Energy